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Virginia Air Board c/o Terry Darton Air Permit Manager 13901 Crown Court Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board.

I absolutely champion saving the Mirant Power Plant! I wanted to write this letter to express my support for the plans that have been design to protect and preserve our plant and improve our air quality. Alexandria has been dealing with this issue for longer than I care to disclose and now that there is a reasonable solution, I want to back the project wholeheartedly. I was recently informed of the stack merge, and from what I understand there is absolutely no downside because we get clean air, fewer unsightly stacks, high-tech equipment, absolutely no additional cost to the taxpayers, and also will preserve jobs.

I am an Engineer so I can appreciate the ingenuity and technology that has been proposed with the stack merge. I am married and I have been in Alexandria 13 years. Although I cannot attend the scheduled meeting, I wanted to do my part in showing support for the plant and the stack merge.

Please consider this letter and many like it as a strong show of strength for Mirant and its proposal. I realize that you have to take all the facts into consideration, and make a decision that is beneficial for all parties involved. Thanks in advance and have a good day.

Best regards,

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